GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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DESERT TOURISM IN RAJASTHAN AND GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is vast scope to promote desert tourism in Rajasthan and Gujarat, especially in Kutch district;

(b) if so, whether any proposal to promote desert tourism there has been received by the Union Government;

(c) if so, whether any funds have been sought by the State Governments for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to promote desert tourism in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The desert areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat have the potential for development of tourism.

(b), (c) and (d): Development of tourist places is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Department of Tourism has, however, been providing some financial assistance for tourism projects identified at various places in the country including the desert areas of Rajasthan and Gujaratin consultation with them. The new schemes for the X Plan, however, are −Integrated development of travel circuits and development of destinations. Projects are to be identified and implemented in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations.

(e): All tourist places in the country including those in the desert areas are being promoted through Indiatourism Offices in India and abroad.